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Sir:

In connection with the IDS filed September 11, 2003, please note that an English language abstract of JP 07-090542 cited in the IDS is of record in the now abandoned parent application, Serial No. 09/902,260. The English language abstract was submitted with the IDS of December 31, 2001 in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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